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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Further to the Information Disclosure Statement filed October 27, 2003, in compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The listed documents were cited in an Office Action of a corresponding

Japanese application. A copy of the Office Action is included for the Examiner's

convenience.

JP '220, JP '219, JP '677 and JP '961 may be relevant for the reasons

summarized in their respective English abstracts.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the

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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(e)

Each item of information in this information disclosure statement was first

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